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**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**

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**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched  
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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)  
eKIPASS, HTTP://WWW.USPTO.GOV/, WWW.DELPHION.COM/  
WPI, PAJ, '[(water and softener) or (soft and water)]and regenerat\* and temperature'

**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages:	Relevant to claim No.
A	KR 2002-0061463 A (WOONGJIN COWAY CO., LTD.) 24 July 2002 See the whole document	1 ~ 5
A	KR 0279804 Y (CHOI, Yong-gi) 26 June 2002 See the whole document	1 ~ 5
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